REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, the abstract has been revised so that it is more in-line with the guidelines provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b) and MPEP §608.01(b). In addition, a typographical error has been corrected in claim 4, all multiple dependency has been eliminated from the original claims and new dependent claims have been added within the scope of the original multiple dependent claims. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability and that applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the invention encompassed by the original multiple dependent claims or described in the specification.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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